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1. The last of 200 A-1 type air force training sets ordered by the Russians were delivered by the Zeiss firm in Jena on 15 January 1951. * Eighteen sets remained in the Soviet Zone of Germany, while the others were shipped to the USSR. The Russian acceptance commission left the plant on 15 January. **
2. Engineer Hilgers is said to have submitted to the Russians suggestions for an improved version of the A-1 set. Negotiations on this project are still under way. It is not yet clear whether the new set, if built at all, is to be manufactured at the Zeiss plant or in the USSR.
3. In January 1951, Herr Fischer, managing director of the Zeiss plant, died of a heart attack. Next to Director Schrader, who was recently awarded a national prize, Fischer was the oldest managing director of the plant. It was due to his efforts that the Zeiss firm, in spite of Soviet dismantling and interference on the part of the Communist Thuringian government, was able to raise its output considerably. Herr Rommel, who at present is in Hungary for six weeks, is to be his successor. [redacted] that graduate engineer Vollmer, who was attached to the engineering bureau of the firm, fled to the West in January 1951 because he feared that he would be contracted for work in the USSR. 25X1C

25X1A * [redacted] Comment: [redacted] states that "the last two hundred A-1 devices (for the training of aerial gunners) were delivered by Zeiss-Jena to the Soviets on 6 January 1951."

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment: Since a total of 18 fighter regiments have been observed in the Russian Zone of Germany it is believed that each of these regiments was equipped with such a training set. From the size of the order it may be inferred that the Russians have a total of approximately 200 fighter regiments.

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